

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.


By the present amendment, claims 16-45 have been cancelled without prejudice, noting that these claims have been examined in the parent applications, 09/801,769 and 10/230,314. The present Divisional application is directed to the remaining claims 1-15, which were restricted from claims 16-45 in a Restriction Requirement dated February 15, 2002 in the parent application. Specifically, claims 1-5 were listed in the above-noted Restriction Requirement as Group 1, drawn to a semiconductor device having a nonvolatile memory element capable of having different threshold voltages, a read transistor capable of having different mutual conductances according to the threshold voltage and transmission means of a signal generated to the mutual conductances of the read transistor. These claims were nonelected in the response to the Restriction Requirement filed on April 16, 2002 in the original parent application 09/801,769. Accordingly, examination of these previously nonelected claims 1-15 is now respectfully requested in the present Divisional application.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to
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